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(D) NICOSIA 3537; (E) ANKARA 9156; (F) NICOSIA 3574;

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1. FOR NICOSIA: FOLLOWING INFORMATION WOULD BE USEFUL TO
DEPARTMENT FOR CONSIDERATION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY CASES IN-
VOLVING AMERICAN CITIZENS OF GREEK OR GREEK-CYPRIOT ORIGIN:

A. ENGLISH TEXTS OF GOC LAWS BEARING ON 1) ACQUISITION OF
REALTY BY FOREIGNERS AND RESTRICTIONS THEREON; 2) SPECIAL

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STATUS FOR PROPERTY ACQUISITION BY CYPRIOT-AMERICANS

("ALIEN NATIVES"); 3) DUAL NATIONALITY PRACTICE AND ACQUISITION AND LOSS OF CYPRIOT CITIZENSHIP; AND 4) TFSC BAR OF PROPERTY REGISTRATION BY GREEK ETHNIC AMERICANS. ADDITIONAL PERTINENT LEGAL DOCUMENTATION OF GOC, TFSC APPRECIATED.

B. ESTIMATION FROM INFORMATION IN EMBASSY NICOSIA FILES OF NUMBERS OF GREEK ETHNIC AMERICANS WHO APPEAR TO BE
1) DUAL CYPRIOT NATIONALS; 2) HOLDERS OF PROPERTY AS

CYPRIOTS; 3) OR AS "ALIEN NATIVES" (REFS B AND C). DEPT GATHERS THAT NO PROPERTY PROTECTION REQUESTS FROM EMBASSY (INCLUDING GREEK-CYPRIOT AMERICANS) HAVE BEEN REJECTED.

C. GENERAL IMPRESSIONS OF EMBASSY NICOSIA AS TO NATURE OF REALTY OF AMCITS IN NORTH AND TYPES OF PROPERTY INTERESTS AFFECTED (E.G., LEASEHOLDS, PRINCIPAL/VACATION RESIDENCES, ETC.), AND AS TO DEFINABLE CATEGORIES OF PROPERTY OWNERS (VACATIONERS, US-BORN RETIREES, NATURALIZED AMCIT RETIREES, ETC.). IF POSSIBLE, EMBASSY OBSERVATIONS WOULD BE VALUABLE RESPECTING WHETHER SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR PROPERTY PROTECTION ARE MADE BY AMCITS WHO MIGHT BE HELD IN LIGHT OF ALL RELEVANT CIRCUMSTANCES TO HAVE CLOSER AND MORE EFFECTIVE TIES WITH GOC RATHER THAN US. DEPT RECOGNIZES, OF COURSE, THAT LEGAL AND FACTUAL QUESTIONS INVOLVED IN DETERMINATION OF "DOMINANT NATIONALITY" IN LIGHT OF A CITIZEN'S CONDUCT AND INTENTIONS ARE COMPLEX, AND CAN BE FULLY ANSWERED ONLY ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

2. REGARDING PROPERTY CLAIMS IN GENERAL, WE APPRECIATE INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY REF B, AND WOULD LIKE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IF AVAILABLE:

A. LIST OF CURRENT CASES (INCLUDING IDENTIFICATION AND VALUE OF PROPERTY) ON FILE AT EMBASSY (REF B, II, PARA 1; III, PARA 6).

B. EMBASSY COMMENTS ON MOTIVES OF US INDIVIDUALS AND FIRMS FOR NOT REGISTERING.

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C. ARE THERE INSTANCES IN SOUTH OF GOC SEIZURE OF PROPERTIES OF TURKISH-AMERICAN CITIZENS?

D. DO YOU JUDGE OREK COMMUNICATION CITED IN REF D, PARA 7(E) INDICATIVE OF TFSC INTENT TO SET UP MACHINERY FOR COMPENSATION OF LOSSES AS OPPOSED TO RESTORATION/REMOVAL OF PROPERTY "AS IS" (STATE 248646, PARA 5(E))?

E. WHAT IS CURRENT STATUS OF TFSC REGISTRATION PROCESS?

F. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTATION, SUCH AS CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN PROPERTY INTERESTS AND TFSC (E.G., HOBART, SIRIS COMPANIES)

3. FOR ANKARA AND NICOSIA: WHAT APPROACHES ARE BEING MADE BY OTHER EMBASSIES TO TFSC AND TO MFA ANKARA ON CYPRUS PROPERTY CLAIMS. SISCO

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